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Decoratively Stitched Cape



Brighten up your wardrobe with this fun and stylish cape! Use the decorative stitches on your Baby Lock Solaris or any sewing or embroidery machine to achieve a custom look. Add the stitching to the borders or all over! With this garment, your creativity can run wild!

Skill Level: Intermediate

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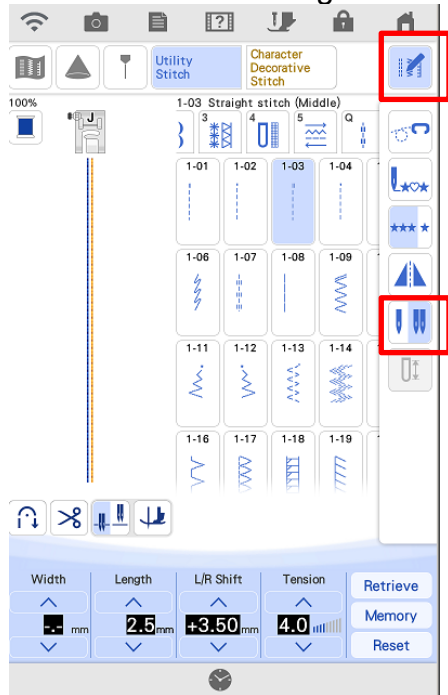
Supplies:

Baby Lock® Solaris Sewing and Embroidery machine
Vogue Pattern V9038 or similar style cape
Melton Wool (Yellow)
Madeira® Cotona thread for sewing (2 spools of the same brown thread)
Twin needle 4.00 Size 80
Pressing cloth
Sewing clips
Basic sewing supplies

Instructions:

- 1) Before you begin, read the pattern guide sheet completely. In the sample, View B was used. Cut out the pattern pieces for View B.

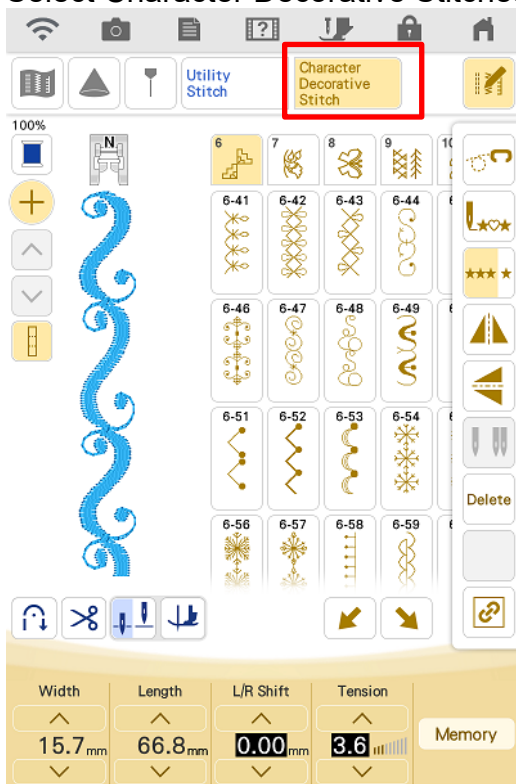
- 2) Set up the machine for sewing.
- 3) Sew the sections together while following Steps 1 and 2 for Cape B on the guide sheet.
- 4) To hem the cape, follow the next set of steps: You can follow the directions as stated in Step 3 on the guide sheet. But to cut down on the bulk along the bottom edge, I turned the edge under 5/8" and stitched along the edge using a twin needle.
 - a) Turn under 5/8" to the backside of the cape along the lower edge of the cape. In the sample, clips were used to hold in place. Using a pressing cloth, press the hem. Have the iron set to the wool setting. Remove the clips when pressing.
 - b) Set up the machine for twin needle sewing. Refer to the following illustration for selecting twin needle sewing.



- c) Insert the twin needle.
- d) Wind several bobbins using the brown thread.
- e) Thread both needles using a separate spool for each of the needles. I threaded each of the needles manually.
- f) Sew around the lower edge of the cape with the right side of the cape facing up. Go at a moderate speed.



- 5) To create the decorative stitches on the edge, follow the next set of steps:
 - a) After the hem is sewn, remove the twin needles.
 - b) Remove the “J” foot.
 - c) Attach the “N” foot.
 - d) Remove one of the spools of thread. (Only one spool will be used for applying the decorative stitches.)
 - e) Select Character Decorative Stitches on the machine.




- f) Select the first row of stitches from a list of 861 decorative stitches.
- g) Select the Guide Lines, Angle Lines or Grid Lines markers for perfect stitch placement. These markers will help for aligning the stitches. **Tip:** Do a test sew on a strip of the same fabric that will be used. Use the marker that works best for you along with the decorative stitch. Take your time

with this test. It is an important step and will assure that the final placement of the stitches and the selected stitch will look great. If your first test was not successful, you may need to add stabilizer to the backside of the fabric or change to a different decorative stitch. In the sample, no stabilizer was used but your fabric may be lighter weight and may need the extra stabilization.

- h) Sew around the lower edge of the cape, close to the twin needle stitches using the first row of decorative stitches. The machine will set the pace based on the decorative stitch that is chosen. Put your ear buds in and listen to some good music. When using decorative stitches, the machine goes at a much slower speed to form the design. In the sample, it took approximately 6 hours to complete all of the stitches. It is a long way around the cape.



- i) After the first row has been completed it is time to select the next decorative stitch. Click on the IQ™ Visionary Projector  button. The projection will be shown on the fabric. If you haven't done so as of yet, place a AAA battery in the Dual Stylus Pen as shown below. With the stylus you can select a new decorative stitch by clicking on the button on the stylus while selecting the plus or minus symbol on the projection on the fabric. (*Refer to the illustration that follows.*)



- j) After you have selected your second stitch, do another test sew on the sample strip of the fabric. After you have verified that it has sewn perfectly, continue with the project.
- k) Apply this stitch to the bottom edge of the cape just above the last stitch placed. The projection on the fabric will show how the stitch will look as well as the distance for placing the next row of stitches.
- l) Repeat for the remaining rows of decorative stitches. You can place as many rows as you like. Have fun!

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